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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 2-month extension of time within which to respond to the May 19, 2004 outstanding Office Action, the extension allowing the undersigned until October 19, 2004 to respond.

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